

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2898

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STATE EMPLOYEES--COMMUNICATIONS

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Yeas 97 Nays 1

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 39 Nays 7

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved March 24, 2006.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2898** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By House Committee on State Government Operations & Accountability
(originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt and Williams)

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1 AN ACT Relating to distribution of communications by state
2 employees; and adding a new section to chapter 42.52 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.52 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Nothing in this chapter prohibits a state employee from
7 distributing communications from an employee organization or charitable
8 organization to other state employees if the communications do not
9 support or oppose a ballot proposition or candidate for federal, state,
10 or local public office. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
11 authorize any lobbying activity with public funds beyond the activity
12 permitted by RCW 42.17.190.

13 (2) "Employee organization," for purposes of this section, means
14 any organization, union, or association in which employees participate
15 and that exists for the purpose of collective bargaining with employers
16 or for the purpose of opposing collective bargaining or certification
17 of a union.

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